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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Star theatre building in Atlanta, Ga., was almost completely destroyed by fire yesterday; the building cost $30,000. ——Venezuelan negotiations now wait upon President Castro. —— The cold wave did no material damage to crops in Florida. ——Sidney James, of Louisburg, N. C., died in Philadelphia from an overdose of morphine. R. W. Tansill, millionaire cigar maker, died suddenly at Carlsbad, N.M. —— Coal operators at the Flat Top W. Va., field will give their miners an advance of 10 to 20 per cent. in wages. —— At Washington, Ga., Chick Harris shot Sallie Edwards and then killed himself; the girl was only slightly wounded. —— Two negroes were killed and two white men wounded in race riot at phosphate mines near Williston, Fla. —— Two young men drowned while skating near Bowling Green, Va. —— The Sultan of Morocco is barricaded in his castle against a threatened attack of rebels. —— A window in a jewelry store in New York city was smashed by a robber who got away with $10,000 worth of diamonds. —— Considerable opposition to ratification of the reciprocity treaty with Cuba has developed among Senators in Washington City. —— Robert B. Armstrong is to be appointed assistant secretary of the Treasury. —— N. & W. passenger train wrecked near Greenville, Va.; engineer was killed. —— New York markets: Money on call 5@15 per cent., closing offered at 6 per cent.; rosin firm; spirits turpentine steady; cotton quiet at 8.85c. for middling upland; flour was dull but steadily held; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 83¼c.; corn—spot easy, No. 2 60c.; oats—spot firm, No. 2 38¼c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 29.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 40 degrees; 8 P. M., 56 degrees; maximum, 63 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.26.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. 5.8 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—For North Carolina—Fair Tuesday, preceded by rain on the coast, colder in eastern portion; light to fresh southwest winds; Wednesday fair.

Port Almanac—December 30.

Sun Rises	7.11 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.54 P. M.
Day's Length	9 h. 30 M.
High Water at Southport	8.30 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	11.00 P. M.

Reading of Marconi's success reminds us that we haven't heard anything from Nikola Tesla for several weeks.

The Populists of Florida talk about nominating a candidate for Governor just to find out if the party is as dead as everybody thinks it is.

German students have decided that the sword is a nobler weapon than the pistol. It is more reliable too, for their is no mistaking as to whether it is loaded or not.

A German professor who happened to visit the bargain stores in Chicago, about Christmas, concluded that insanity must be on the increase among women. Pshaw! That's just one of their pastimes.

Hundreds of cattle froze to death during the past week in the Colorado blizzards. Cattle never freeze to death down this way, and that's where the Southern cattle raiser has the advantage over the Western range cattle men.

When Mr. Frick was asked about the reported displacement of Mr. Schwab, President of the Steel Trust, he said he didn't know anything about it, and when asked that in the event of Schwab's going out he would go in, he said he was too busy with matters of his own. He couldn't afford to waste his time on a little $150,000 a year job.

Great wealth is not all. John D. Rockefeller would give all his millions, perhaps, if he could eat and enjoy a square meal, and it is said that the late Herr Krupp, the richest man in Germany, was half starved all the time because the doctors confined him to a certain regimen, and he never knew what it was not to be hungry.

That Florida man who to prevent his daughter from marrying a fellow he didn't like had her locked up in jail, succeeded temporarily, but does he propose to keep her in jail all her life, and if not how is he going to prevent her from marrying that fellow as soon as she gets out if he hangs around? A girl with such a father ought to be in a hurry to marry almost any fellow in sight.

RED MEN'S BIG POW WOW LAST NIGHT.

The State's Great Prophet Visits Eyota Tribe — The Election of Chiefs Was Also Held.

Last night was the semi-annual election of chief, of Eyota Tribe No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men, but the meeting was also marked by an event of still greater importance—the presence of State Great Prophet Hill E. King, of Raleigh. He met with his brother "injuns," and delivered a splendid address. His remarks were of great profit to the tribe and included a splendid resume of the Red Men's noble work in the past. He spoke glowingly of the great movement to erect an orphanage, and likewise of the prosperity the order is enjoying.

Great Prophet King was introduced in a happy manner by A. J. Marshall, Esq., who made a few remarks. Short talks were also made by Col. Walker Taylor, Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Esq., and others.

The following chiefs were elected, to be raised to their respective stumps, together with the appointed chiefs, next Monday night:

Prophet—S. L. Mann.
Sachem—Marsden Bellamy, J.r
Senior Sagamore—F. W. Ortmann, Jr.
Junior Sagamore—L. O. Smith.
Chief of Records—Jas. M. McGowan.
Keeper of Wampum—E. P. H. Strunck.
Keeper of Hall—E. B. LeGwin.
Hall Committee—Jas. M. McGowan, E. P. H. Strunck and Wm. Sheehan.

BRILLIANT EVENT TO-NIGHT.

Handsome Favors Arrive for the L'Arioso German Club.

The Christmas dances of the L'Arioso German Club have always been synonymous with pleasure and brilliancy, but their annual event this evening will far surpass anything of previous years. It will be conducted on a scale of grandeur and will be a favor german. The favors, numbering hundreds, were purchased in New York and are of an exceedingly handsome character.

The dance, led by Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr., and attended by over three scores of fashionably attired society folks, will commence sharply at 9 o'clock in the spacious and elegantly appointed Masonic Temple hall, which to-day will be beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The club has just issued the following attractive invitation:

L'Arioso German Club
requests the honor of
your presence at the series of
germans to be given on the
second Wednesday of each month.
Wilmington, North Carolina.
Season 1902-1903.

Patronesses—Mrs. Geo. W. Kidder, Mrs. Warren G. Elliott, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs. H. C. McQueen, Mrs. Jno. D. Bellamy, Mrs. George Rountree, Mrs. Hugh MacRae, Mrs. T. M. Emerson, Mrs. J. Victor Grainger, Mrs. E. W. VanC. Lucas, Mrs. M. F. H. Gouverneur and Mrs. W. A. Dick.

Governing Committee—E. W. VanC. Lucas, president; Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr., Jr., vice president; Robt. N. Nash, secretary and treasurer; Jas. M. Stevenson, Champion McD. Davis, Thos. B. Willard, Henry B. Peschau, and Clayton Giles, Jr., leader.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Board of County Commissioners will meet to-morrow afternoon.

— The Christmas tree of Grace M. E. Church will be held to-night at the City Hall at 8 o'clock.

—The Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will meet at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon.

— A boy who is experienced in feeding job presses may secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office.

— The Mayor yesterday fined Wm. Hays, colored, $10 and costs for hitting a fellow-workman with a ten-pound spike hammer.

— St. Paul's Episcopal Church will give a delightful sociable to-night at the home of Miss Sallie Elliott, No. 411 North Second street.

— A competent and experienced feeder for Job Presses can secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office. Liberal wages paid.

— Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son yesterday cleared the British steamship *Riverton* for Bremen with a cargo of 10,839 bales of cotton, valued at $453,000.

— Hose Company No. 2, located at Sixth and Castle streets, was called out by telephone yesterday at noon to extinguish a burning quantity of dross in a vacant lot near Northrop's mill.

— Invitations have been received in this city announcing the marriage of Prof. John Edward Hockey, at one time a resident of Wilmington, to Miss Marian Spooner, of Orange, Texas. The nuptials were celebrated the 17th instant.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—In bankruptcy.
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I. Shrier—To my patrons.
R. C. DeRosset—Office supplies.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Boarders.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Gas heaters.
Wash silk, new Spring lines are shown by the C. W. Polvogt Co. †

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Called Meeting Held Last Night to Act On Three Belated Liquor Applications.

ALL LICENSES ENDANGERED.

Looked at One Time as Though a Hold-Up Would Occur Pending an Investigation as to the Proper Liquors.

For an hour last night the Board of Aldermen wrestled mainly with the liquor license question—as to whether or not the applications already granted had all been signed by freeholders and if so had any one person signed two or more applications, the first being necessary and the second unlawful. At one time it looked as though there would be a "hold up" of the sixty licenses already granted, in order for an investigation to be made by the city attorney along the lines mentioned, but finally this was successfully passed over, though Aldermen Cooper and Murrell were in favor of the investigation. However, the board determined to scrutinize applications more closely in future and requested City Attorney Bellamy to draft a resolution, for presentation at the monthly meeting next Monday, making it necessary for all applications to be examined by the city attorney so as to determine their legal construction.

The meeting was primarily called to consider three belated liquor applications, but by unanimous consent several other matters were transacted. There were present at the meeting—besides Mayor Waddell, City Attorney Bellamy and Acting Clerk White—Aldermen Johnson, Hasbagen, Spencer, Bailey, Tienchen, VonGlahn, Morrell and Cooper.

The three liquor applications were first taken up, and licenses were granted Elijah Walton, northeast corner Eeventh and Market streets, and J. B. J. Sandlin, No. 5 South Second street. Several of the Aldermen raised the point that Mr. Walton had not advertised that he intended to make application the length of time (30 days) required by law, but City Attorney Bellamy soon dispelled this by stating that an advertisement merely once in a newspaper of the county in which the applicant desired to do business was all that was necessary, the prevailing opinion of 30 days to the contrary notwithstanding.

The third application was that of J. W. Smith, No. 130 North Water street, and it was "held up" on motion of Alderman Bailey and it occasioned all the investigation discussion.

Alderman Bailey desired that it be ascertained whether or not all the signers of the application were freeholders and made motion to that effect, which was seconded by Alderman VonGlahn.

Herbert McClammy, Esq., was present as counsel for Mr. Smith, and addressed the board.

Alderman Cooper coincided with the stand taken by Alderman Bailey, but wanted to go a step farther. He desired that this investigation take in the applications already granted, which, he said, should have been done at first. He clearly stated his views and said he was not actuated by any motive whatever except his duty as an aldermen; he did not, he said, want to impede the business of a saloon one minute, but did intend to live up, as an alderman, to the State law, which required freeholders to sign liquor applications and explicity stated that no one person should sign twice. He amended Aldermen Bailey's motion by calling for an investigation of all applications.

Alderman Murrell agreed with Alderman Cooper and seconded the amendment.

Then a lengthy and at some times puzzling discussion followed.

The amendment was, of course, placed first before the board and was lost, Aldermen Cooper and Murrell being the only ones voting in the affirmative.

Alderman Bailey's motion, which left the eligibility of the signers to the investigation of City Attorney Bellamy, was carried, Aldermen Johnson, Von Glahn, Bailey, Cooper, and Murrell voting aye. The motion carried with it the right for the application to be granted if the signers were found to be freeholders.

The Black Maria matter was next very timely called attention to by Alderman Von Glahn. He spoke about the great need of a patrol wagon and urgently advocated the purchase of one. It was an outrage on humanity, he said, to see and hear about the policemen having to drag women and other drunken prisoners through the streets; and that the city really lost by not having such a wagon, as many times certain parts of the city were left without police protection. He asked for an appropriation of $350 to purchase a Black Maria, and made a motion to that effect.

Alderman Tiencken seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

The Coal, Cement and Supply Company was granted permission to build a spur track near their plant.

Permission was granted B. F. Reaves to sell fresh meat at No. 582 South Front street.

Shortly past 9 o'clock the meeting adjourned.

I have sold my studio, and will not make any sittings here after January 3rd. Will be open New Year's day, Paul M. Taylor. †

THREE MASONIC LODGES HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION

Last Night Wilmington, Orient and St. John's Lodges Jointly and Grandly Signers.

The officers of the three Masonic Lodges of this city were jointly installed last night at the Masonic Temple. The installation was made by Past Grand Master C. H. Robinson, with F. H. Fechtig acting as Grand Marshal.

The officers of the different lodges installed were as follows:

WILMINGTON LODGE NO. 319.
W. M.—Geo. S. Boylan.
S. W.—W. B. McKoy.
J. W.—Jno. A. Karr.
Treas.—W. G. A. Otersen.
Sec—Thos. F. Bagley.
S. D.—S. J. Ellis.
J. D.—Jas. F. Jarman.
Stewards—R. E. Williams and W. F. Brittain.
Marshal—J. L. Cantwell.
Chaplain—C. H. Robinson.
Tiler—Thos. H. Johnson.

ST. JOHN LODGE, NO. 1.
W. M.—J. E. Matthews.
S. W.—E. S. Martin.
J. W.—W. L. Coney.
Treas.—H. Burkhimer.
Sect.—R. C. Merritt.
S. D.—J. T. King.
J. D.—R. S. Collins.
Stewards—W. E. Perdew and E. L. McClammy.

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 395.
W. M.—W. D. McMillan.
S. W.—R. H. Pickett.
J. W.—H. K. Holden.
Treas.—J. C. Munds.
Sect.—C. C. Brown.
S. D.—W. D. McMillan, Jr.
J. D.—S. P. Adams.
Stewards.—C. D. Meyers and J. M. Hall.

PRICES GREATLY REDUCED,

For the Performances of "Peck's Bad Boy" Saturday at the Academy.

Mr. Harry Reavy, manager of "Peck's Bad Boy Company," which plays at the Academy next Saturday, at matinee and night, arrived in the city last night to complete arrangements.

The prices for the engagement of this company are to be exceedingly small, which does not mean that the company is a poor one, for it has been awarded fine press notices everywhere. The matinee prices will be 10 cents for children and 25 for adults. At night the prices will be from 10 to 20 cents.

"Peck's Bad Boy" is a piece of American humor, an everlasting favorite and inclusive with the strong line of specialties will be the best farce comedy that will be seen here for some time. Lottie Dwyer, the natural born Bad Boy, will play the title role, and George Barlow, than whom there is no better man for the part, will play the part of Schultz, the German Grocer. One of the leading features of the Peck's Bad Boy Company is the famous Travesty Sextette, presenting a short travesty on Floradora. This is the prettiest and most catchy act ever seen on a stage.

Seats for the night's performance, at 50 cents per "sit," will be on sale at Plummer's Friday morning.

THAT NEW POSTAGE STAMP.

Placed on Sale in Wilmington for the First Time Yesterday.

The STAR Sunday mentioned that a shipment of the new thirteen cent postage stamp had been received at the Wilmington postoffice. Yesterday the stamps were placed on sale.

The thirteen cent stamp is not only new in design but is also new as to denomination. Heretofore the traditional unlucky thirteen has been skipped by Uncle Sam, but now it is deemed economical and convenient to have a baker's dozen. Foreign postage almost demanded it. In the past in order to secure a proper amount for foreign postage (5 cents) and registration (8 cents), it required more than one stamp on an envelope or package. Two stamps, the five and the eight, or the three and the ten, were the least that could be used, but now only the new issue is all that is necessary.

The thirteen cent stamp is smaller than the two and is of a brownish color. It bears the picture of the late ex-President Benjamin Harrison.

STEAMER FAYETTEVILLE DELAYED

At Charleston by an Accident to the Tug Towing Her.

A mishap is now responsible for the delayed arrival of the steamer *City of Fayetteville*. She was compelled to put into Charleston Sunday on account of an accident to the tug *H. M. Smith* which was towing her. She will leave Charleston for this port this afternoon at 3 o'clock in tow of another tugboat, the *Cecelia*, which was engaged for the occasion. She is expected here to-morrow evening.

This information was contained in a telegram from Capt. Fromberger to Mr. E. W. Cooke yesterday morning. The telegram also stated that the *Fayetteville's* rail had been slightly damaged. Mr. Cooke left for Charleston yesterday afternoon.

Double Society Event.

Cards are out for a double social event to take place Thursday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Emerson, on Dock street, between Fifth and Sixth, in honor of the Misses Emerson. It will be a reception from 5 o'clock in the afternoon until 7 o'clock in the evening, followed later by a card party.

FOUR XMAS TREES.

Fine Celebrations by City Sunday Schools and a Splendid One at Delgado.

MANY CHILDREN HAPPY.

Each Tree Was Marked by an Appropriate and Enjoyable Programme of Exercises—Addresses by the Pastors and Superintendents.

Yesterday was a great day for Christmas trees, much to the delight of the Sunday schools of St. John's Episcopal, St. Paul's Episcopal and St. Matthew's English Lutheran churches. The children of the Sunday school of the church at Delgado also enjoyed a festive tree.

The Christmas of St. John's Sunday school took place yesterday afternoon and was a jolly event to the young people. The children first marched into the school building and participated in a beautiful song service, after which Prof. Washington Catlett, superintendent, delivered a short, but highly entertaining address. Then they all gathered around the tree, which was a dazzling and lovely sight bedecked as it was with many different colored candles, sparkling tinsels, toys, etc, and amid the utmost merriment the presents, which were inclusive of plenty of goodies, were distributed.

ST. PAUL'S TREE.

The Sunday school Christmas tree of St. Paul's Episcopal Church was celebrated last night at the church, northeast corner Fourth and Orange streets. The programme arranged for the occasion was a beautiful one and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A song service by a special choir and the rendition of carols by the children were first on the programme, followed by an able address by Rev. Dr. Dickinson, the rector of the church, which in turn gave place to the presentation of gifts from the brightly lighted and glittering tree.

ST. MATTHEW'S TREE.

One of the prettiest and most pleasurable trees yet given was that of St. Matthew's English Lutheran church last night. The following elegant programme was rendered:

Song No. 35.
Versicle and Gloria Patris.
Psalms Nos. 23 and 24.
Gloria Patri.
Song No. 30.
Gospel Lessons.
Prayer by Rev. Dr. Bernheim.
Song—"Silent Night."
Recitations—"The Shepherds in the Field," "If Christ Had Not Come," and "He Loved Us So"
Song No. 33.
Recitations—"Little Angels' Messages," "The Lord Was Born," and "I Cannot Help Thinking."
Lighting of Tree.
Song No. 34.
Address by Pastor.
Offering and Anthem.
Distribution of Gifts.
Announcements.
Song No. 33.
Benediction by Pastor.

All of the songs were Augsburg songs. The address of the pastor, Rev. C. W. Kegley, was a rare treat to the children.

AT DELGADO.

Yesterday afternoon the Sunday school of Delgado church enjoyed a glorious Christmas tree, which was also attended by a large number of people from the city.

The exercises were as follows:

Gospel Hymn—"Joy to the World."
Prayer by the President.
Opening Address—J. B. Coley.
Song—By Mattie Strickland.
Recitation—Lillian Coley, John Coley, Rachel Pruit.
Gospel Hymn—"Ring the Bells."
Recitation and Song—By four children.
Recitation—Maudie Jordan, Jence Coley, Percie Wells.
Gospel Hymns—Never Shone a Light so Fair."
Recitation—Mamie Hatch, Victoria Rowan.
Address—Rev. J. L. Vipperman.
Santa Claus and his Wife.
Gospel Hymn—"While Shepherds Watched."
Dismission.

OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION.

The Y. M. C. A.'s Social Event New Year's Day.

The next social event of general interest to the public is the annual open house reception of the Young Men's Christian Association New Year's day.

This event will be in charge of the Ladies Auxiliary, assisted by the young men's social committee. Many people still remember the delightful reception of last New Year's day and have been looking forward to the pleasure of a similar occasion. Quite elaborate preparations are being made to make it one of the most pleasant occasions of the kind ever held in Wilmington. The building will be beautifully decorated for the day and refreshments will be served to all who attend. The reception will last from 5 o'clock in the afternoon until 10 at night. No personal invitations are to be sent out, as the reception will be for the people of the city and all will be made most welcome. Last year hundreds of people attended the reception and, no doubt, a large number will do so this season.

I will make sittings until Saturday, January 3rd. Will be open New Year's day. Paul M. Taylor. †

The C. W. Polvogt Co. is prepared to do first-class upholstering. †

Upholstering of all kind done by the C. W. Polvogt Co. †

REVENUE CUTTER EXPECTED.

Tuscarora Has Started On Her Maiden Trip to This Port — Coming From Baltimore.

The new United States revenue cutter *Tuscarora* is expected to reach this port to-day or to-morrow, according to the following clipping from the *Army and Navy Journal*, dated last Saturday:

"The commanding officer of the United States *Tuscarora* has been directed to proceed with his command to Wilmington, N. C."

It is supposed that the *Tuscarora*, which is to take the place of the *Algonquin*, left the docks at Baltimore Monday, and if so she may be looked for at any time. This is the maiden trip of the staunch little fighting ship.

STOLEN BIKE RECOVERED.

Carried to a Repair Establishment by a Negro and Was Recognized.

Mr. Philip Heinsberger, Jr., has recovered the bicycle boldly stolen from his residence, on North Third street, about a fortnight ago, and yesterday a young negro man, Vance Moore, had a narrow escape from being convicted of the theft. Moore was also tried on two other serious charges, but just as luckily "cleared his skirts."

Saturday afternoon Moore carried the stolen wheel for repair to the bicycle establishment of Messrs. Duffy and Phelps, on North Front street. The wheel was recognized and the negro arrested. When searched at the station house a pistol and a pair of iron knucks were found on his person; consequently three cases were docketed against him.

When arraigned in the police court yesterday Moore proved conclusively that he knew nothing of the stolen bicycle; that the wheel and the pistol were given him by the proprietor of a money loan office, on Campbell street, to get repaired. He also told an earnest story of finding the knucks. He had to be discharged on the first two charges and, as he proved a good character, was given the benefit of the doubt in the other case.

The money lender purchased the wheel from a negro for a couple of dollars.

THREE SMALL FIRES.

Only One of Importance Was at Mr. C. H. Cooper's Residence.

One Sunday and two yesterday is the latest record in fire circles. The first mentioned fire was the only serious one of the two. It occurred at the residence of Mr. C. H. Cooper, No. 823 South Second street, and was due to a defective chimney in the dining room. The damage to the furniture and house amounted to about $150, covered by insurance with Messrs. Willard & Giles.

The first fire yesterday was almost a false alarm. Children playing with matches set fire to a pile of rubbish at a dwelling house, No. 417 Sampson's alley, which is between Grace, Walnut, Fifth and Sixth streets: There was no damage. The house was occupied by Alex. Cowan, colored. The alarm was sounded from box 28, Fourth and Grace streets, at 7:42 A.M.

Shortly past noon yesterday the third alarm was sent in from box 34, Ninth and Chesnut streets. It was caused by a spark from a blazing chimney setting fire to the roof of a frame dwelling house, No. 824 Grace street. The damage did not exceed $5.

NOT IN THE STAR COURSE.

Something About the Coming Recital of Mlle. de Lussan.

The entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night, January 10th will not be one of the regular Star Course series, but an extra entertainment secured at a large guarantee. To members of the Star Course the price of reserved seats will be $1.00 per seat, but to those who are not members of the Star Course $1 50 each.

Mlle. Zelie de Lussan who is blessed with a beautiful voice, magnetism and the brunette beauty that is enhanced upon the auditorium, is destined to capture the hearts of the people in the concert room. As a rather timid, slight but beautiful young girl, with a lovely voice and method, Mlle. de Lussan made her debut in English opera in this country as Arline in Balfe's "Bohemian Girl." This was in the year 1896, and despite the youth of the debutante her first appearance proved one of the musical successes of the season. Three years later the young singer went to England to fill an engagement at Covent Garden, and thereafter sang for fourteen consecutive seasons.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. W. J. Martin, of the Raleigh *Post*, arrived yesterday on a few days' visit.

— Mr. Martin Newman has returned from New York, where he spent Christmas with his mother.

— Dr. Russell Bellamy, who spent Christmas here with his parents Dr. and Mrs. W. J. H. Bellamy, has returned to New York.

— Mr. O. W. King left yesterday morning for Wake Forest College, accompanied by his brother, Rev. A. T. King, who will spend a few days with him before resuming his church work.

Cut Prices

All Pattern Hats at Cost.

$25.00 Hats at $15.00.
16.00 " " 10.00.
8.50 " " 5.00.

Walking and ready to wear Hats that were $1.50, $1.75, $2.50 and $3.00, all at 98 cents.
Three hundred Reefer Jackets from 75c to $1.25. Sizes 6 to 14 years.
Men's large Initial Handkerchiefs 10 cents.
Men's all Silk Handkerchiefs 2 for 25 cents.
Men's all Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 25 and 50 cents.
Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs 5, 10 and 25 cents.
Large all Silk Mufflers 50 cents to $1.50.
Men's all Linen Handkerchiefs 25 to 50 cents.
We have a few Monte Carlo Coats in Tan, Ecru and Brown at $7.00 to $13.50. A big line of all colors in Coats at $2.50, $3.50, $6.00 to $12.50.
A full line of Skirts and Suits at surprisingly low prices.
If you wish to make crazy Quilts come and buy a 25c bag of Silk Scraps, it will make a quilt.

The Paris Millinery Emporium,

129 Market Street, Next Door to Bonitz House, Wilmington, N. C.

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5,000 YARDS CALICO

SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY WATER
WILL CLOSE OUT ENTIRE LOT MONDAY

At 3 1-2 Cents Per Yard.

DON'T MISS THIS SALE.

S. & B. SOLOMON.

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WE PAY 4 PER CENT. INTEREST

On small sums as well as large amounts.
You can open an account by depositing TWENTY-FIVE CENTS. Every nickel you spend is gone forever and eternally, but every nickel you save is still yours, and if invested with us will draw interest, compounded quarterly, for years to come. Begin the New Year right by opening a savings account.
Deposits made on or before January 2nd, 1903, will bear interest from January 1st.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.
dec 23 tf C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

FUNERAL OF ENGINEER FISHER.

It Was Held at Southport Sunday and Largely Attended by Wilmingtonians.

The funeral of the late Engineer J. M. C. Fisher, of the tug *Alexander Jones*, was held Sunday afternoon at Southport. It was most largely attended, both Live Oak Camp of Woodmen of the World and Orion Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of this city, being present. Many other Wilmington friends of the deceased were also in attendance to pay their last respects.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Edwards, pastor of the Baptist church of Southport, and the beautiful service of the Odd Fellows was likewise said, conducted by Past Masters F. B. Rice and John Silvy. After the service Rev. J. W. Craig delivered a touching address, in which he spoke highly of the sterling character of the deceased and his ever faithfulness to duty.

The floral designs were many and beautiful, but especially handsome was a large pillow sent by the Woodmen, baring the letters "W of W" and surmounted by a snow white dove with an olive leaf in its mouth. The Woodmen in the near future will unveil a monument in memory of their deceased brother.

Atlantic Lodge of Odd Fellows, of Southport, also attended the funeral in a body.

GERMAN LAST NIGHT.

Terpsichorean Club Merrily Opens the Social Whirl.

The Tersichorean German Club inaugurated the Christmas festivities last night with a dance at the Masonic Temple. It proved a most fitting opening for the many brilliant social events that will mark the week, and was greatly enjoyed by twenty odd couples, which included a number of fair and gallant visitors. The beautiful figures of the german were gracefully led by Mr. Frank Shepard, accompanied by Miss Sarah Galloway.

The music for the delightful occasion was furnished by Hollowbush's Orchestra.

POULTRY SHOW.

Probably Greatest Display of Pigeons Ever in the State Will be Made.

The managers of the poultry association are fast getting everything in shape for the poultry show next week, which promises to beat the large and grand one of last year. The members are getting their fowls in good trim for the event. The prices of admission will be 10 cents for children and 15 cents for adults.

It is very likely that the show will offer the finest display of pigeons ever made in North Carolina. Another magnificent display will be made of Belgian hares.

Have your furniture upholstered by the C. W. Polvogt Co.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

TO MY PATRONS!

I hereby extend to the public in general my sincere thanks for the liberal patronage given me during the year now closing, and I solicit a continuation of the same in the New Year. The closing year has been the most successful in the history of my thirty years' business career and credit is due to my friends and my reputation and up-to-date method of doing business.

My merchant tailoring department next season will be on a still larger scale, and through the same I will add hund eds of others to the long list of pleased customers.

Again thanking my customers and asking a consideration from others, and wishing one and all a prosperous and happy "New Year," I am yours to please.

I. SHRIER,

The Reliable Clothier,

N. E. Cor. Front and Princess St.,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

dec 30 1t

PETITION FOR DISCHARGE.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNIE T. BOAT Wright and E. F. Boatwright, partners trading as The John L. Boatwright Company, Bankrupt—In United States Court, Fourth Division, No. 88, in Bankruptcy. Petition for discharge. To the Honorable Thomas R. Purnell, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The John L. Boatwright Company of Wilmington in the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 30th day of September last past was duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy, that they have duly surrendered all their property and have fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and the Orders of the Court touching their Bankruptcy. Wherefore they pray that the Company may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against their estate under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as are exempted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 29th day of December, A. D. 1902.

THE JNO. L. BOATWRIGHT Co. Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

Eastern District of North Carolina, County of New Hanover—ss. On the 29th day of December, 1902, on reading the foregoing petition it is ordered by the Court. That a hearing be had upon the same on the 9th day of January, 1903, before S. P. Collier, Referee of said Court at Wilmington, N. C., in said district at eleven o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the MORNING STAR, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ord-red by the Court, That the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and th's order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated. Witness the Honorable Thos R Purnell, Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof at Wilmington, N. C., in said District on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1902.

Attest: WM. H. SHAW, Clerk.

dec 30 1t

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EASTERN District of North Carolina—ss. In the United States District Court in and for said district. Fourth Division. In the matter of E. F. Boatwright, member of the firm of the John L. Boatwright Company, bankrupts. No. 90. In bankruptcy. Petition for discharge. To the Honorable Thomas R. Purnell, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern district of North Carolina. E. F. Boatwright, of Wilmington, in the county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 30th day of September, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of the Court touching his bankruptcy. Wherefore, he prays that he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said Bankrupt Acts, except such debts as are exempted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 29th day December, A. D. 1902.

E. P. BOATWRIGHT, Bankrupt.

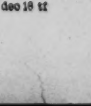
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Eastern District of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.: On this 29th day of December, A. D. 1902, on reading the foregoing petition, it is ordered by the Court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1903, before Samuel P. Collier, Esq., Referee of said Court, at Wilmington, N. C., in said district at 11 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in THE MORNING STAR, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered by the Court that the clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence, as stated. Witness, the Honorable Thomas R. Purnell, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof at Wilmington, N. C., in said district, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1902.

Attest: WM. H. SHAW, Clerk.

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FOR RENT,



THAT VERY DESIRABLE residence lately occupied by Dr. Burbank, No. 207 South Third street; ten rooms.

Apply to

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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 30.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS.

Experiments have been made in South Carolina in growing Sea Island cotton in the interior, experiments which have met with such success that one planter in Barnwell county has produced a 600-pound bale of the finest quality and he believes that with proper fertilizers a bale to the acre can be grown. One thing is clear and that is if one bale can be grown a thousand or more can be with the same methods. It is only a question as to whether such methods will pay, and the cultivation of such cotton be profitable enough to encourage engaging in its culture. This must be demonstrated by practice.

But there are experiments going on also in another line, quite as interesting and perhaps quite as important. This is hybridizing cotton and what is called "vegetable wool," thus producing a fibre that may be used as a substitute for fine wool. Concerning this the Charleston *News and Courier* publishes the following from a correspondent who wrote about the "Sea Island cotton" grown in Barnwell, who says:

If you will kindly allow me to blow my horn a little more I will give you a "stunner," which you may mistake for a plain Christmas drunk, but a botanist of the highest standing, Herbert J. Webber, of the plant-breeding laboratory of Washington, D. C, says that my scheme is not chimerical or visionary and that his department will join hands with me. We are going to begin next season to produce from certain varieties of cotton vegetable wool. To this end Mr. Webber is now procuring from abroad such seed as we need for a beginning.

There are several varieties of cotton that closely approximate wool and it is used by the woolen mills as a substitute for wool. By careful breeding we hope to make it even yet more like the fleece of the lamb.

Now, beyond dispute I have clearly demonstrated that here in the interior of South Carolina we can produce the very finest sea island cotton, which is beigg made into silk every day in the year, and ere the years are many I hope to see wool growing on cotton stalks.

While not disposed to be incredulous as to the possibilities of success in such experiments the *News and Observer* facetiously puts its correspondent on his guard lest he run some risk by growing wool on cotton stalks in a State where in the rural regions there is such a prejudice against sheep, and suggests that if he wants to do the really popular thing he should devote his genius and efforts to producing sheep that will grow cotton fleeces instead of wool. But even with dogs out of the way that kind of sheep would not pay as well as wool growing cotton stalks would.

At first sight it does look a little chimerical to undertake to cross cotton and vegetable wool and so improve the plant as to produce a quality of fibre that will compare with fine wool, but there is nothing chimerical in it, for the vegetable wool is only a peculiar kind of cotton, it being in all probability a hybrid. In these days of plant-blending no experiment should be laughed at or pronounced visionary until it has been tested, for some very remarkable feats in the line of hybridizing have been accomplished not only in producing fine qualities of the same thing but in producing what seem to be entirely new varieties. On the experiment farm in Minnesota experiments in hybridizing wheat have been carried on so successfully all kinds have been produced which will bear much colder winters, and more severe droughts in summer, than the older varieties could, and which will yield much more to the acre. It is estimated that by the propagation of these varieties, and the distribution of the seed the wheat crop of the wheat-growing States of the Northwest has been inhanced in value $12,000,000. So much for experimenting in wheat, and the untiring industry, patience and perseverance of the men who have charge of these experiments.

One of the most interesting and suggestive papers we have ever read in such subjects was an illustrated article descriptive of the methods produced in the Minnesota experiment station in producing these new kinds of wheat.

Yet there is, when you come to think of it, nothing astonishing in all this, for nature herself is the great hybridizer, and from comparatively few plants in the beginning has produced millions of kindred species, and many crosses between plants and living things which were apparently no kindred at all.

We have but little conception of what may be done in this respect until the effort, and sometimes persistent effort, is made. Nor have we any idea of how the area of cultivation may be enlarged for plants that seem to be limited to certain sections where the climate favors. It was thought, for instance, that the orange, a tropical fruit, could not be successfully grown north of the southern part of Louisiana, while there it was cultivated only to a limited extent. Now the U. S. Agricultural Department is experimenting in the growing of oranges and expects to produce a tree that will thrive as far north as Virginia and stand the Winters as well as the apple or peach tree does. The success it has met with so far encourages that belief, and it is not at all improbable that if there were any inducement to experiment in that line the cotton-growing area of the country could be immensely enlarged by producing hardier plants and applying suitable fertilizers, as in the case of the "sea island cotton" grown in the interior of South Carolina.

The finest fruits we have to-day (and we have the finest in the world,) are the result of hybridizing and grafting, producing not only finer varieties, but to all intents and purposes entirely new kinds, which may possibly be still further improved, giving still other varieties that will differ so materially from the parent stocks as to be practically a different species. By culture and hybridizing we have peaches, plums, etc., in the royal presence of which their ancestors would look like measly weaklings, incapable of producing such progeny, so that with the abundant and common illustration we have of the success and possibilities of hybridizing there is no reason to be incredulous as to what may be done until the intelligent experimenter has had a fair trial and failed.

Speaking of vegetable wool, we do not know whether much of it is grown or not, but we have seen hose and other fabrics woven from that kind of wool grown in this State, which to the ordinary handler didn't seem to be different from the fabrics woven from wool grown in the usual way on the body of the sheep, and we wondered why there wasn't more of it grown. But if this South Carolina experimenter succeeds in producing a finer quality by plant-blending with cotton there doubtless will be in coming years a great deal grown.

IMMIGRATION FIGURES.

There is a considerable immigration into the South but is practically all from other sections of this country. scarcely any being from other countries, although we read from time to time of the purchase of large tracts of land for colonies from Europe. So far none of these colonies have materialized. Colonizing is the only way that the settlement of foreigners, at least outside of our towns and cities, can be made successful, but this requires labor, money and perseverance. As showing the immigration this year and its distribution, we quote following from the Macon Ga. *Telegraph*:

Chairman McLeod, of the Western Passenger Association, in a table regarding immigration for the year ending June 30, 1902, shows where a total of over 700,000 immigrants went, and it appears that of this number the state of New York got 203,824 and Pennsylvania 139,000. Of the states in the middle west Illinois led with 45,845, and in the far west California drew the most, 15,093.

Contrary to general impression, by far the greater majority of immigrants locate in the East. In addition to the States mentioned those receiving large numbers of immigrants were: Connecticut, 16,835; Massachusetts, 50,939; Ohio, 25,900; Michigan, 14,000; Minnesota, 13,000; Colorado, 4,000; Maryland, 3,000; Washington, 5,000; Wisconsin, 9,000; North Dakota, 4,000, and Louisiana, 5,000.

Of the total number landed 2,937 have professions, 79,768 are skilled workmen, 422,379 are classed as miscellaneous and 153,149, including women and children, have no occupations. The statistics show that there is an increasing percentage coming into the United States from Austria-Hungary and Italy, including Sardinia and Corsica, showing increases of 58,000 and 42,000, respectively, over last year.

It will be seen that none worth mentioning came South, except 5,000 to Louisiana. This is a fact that stares us in the face.

European laborers did not come South before the war on account of slave labor, with which they could not compete. They have the impression now that they cannot compete with free negro labor, and they give us a wide berth.

One of the notable features of this exhibit is the large number of immigrants who remain in the East and in the cities whereas in years past the bulk of the influx went West and most of them became farmers or found employment upon farms. But the opportunities for becoming farmers are not so good now in consequence of the decreased supply of cheap Government lands and hence there has been a check to the flow in that direction. Many of them found cheap lands in the East, which the owners sell on account of the small compensation in farming, and the desire to try their fortunes in the cities.

We need never expect a large flow this way of European laborers, because the negro is in the way, and it isn't new labors that we want any way, especially since the character of immigration has largely changed and we get much that is not of a desirable kind.

Dr. Lorenz, the Austrian, who has performed such remarkable cures of crippled children, since his arrival in this country, puts at rest the story of his immense fees, by the statement that the largest fee he has received was one of $30,000, the others barely paying his expenses and trouble, in fact most of his service was gratuitous. But he is well pleased with his visit, the country and the people he has met. As far as money is concerned he says he could have made more in his practice at home.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

A BILLION DOLLAR COUNTRY.

When the late Thos. B. Reed was Speaker of the House of Representatives and, the appropriations ran up to something in the neighborhood of $1,000,000,000, Congress was scored for its extravagance, but Mr. Reed made light of it, with flippant remark that "this is a billion dollar country." That is the idea that the Republican statesman have acted upon ever since, as a result of which the appropriations have steadily increased until now they are nearly twice as large as they were ten years ago. But in some repects it is a billion dollar country, and a hustler, as the following table giving the number of our manufacturing plants in 1900, the money invested, people employed, value of output &c., shows:

Number of establish'ents	512,600
Number of wage earners	5,310,000
Capital employed......	$9,853,000,000
Total wages...........	2,623,400,000
Miscellaneous..........	1,028,500,000
Cost of material used..	7,350,000,000
Value of products.....	13,019,000,000

The tariff protectionist would point to these figures as a proof of the beneficial results of protection, entirely ignoring the fact that our manufactures have been steadily increasing under all tariffs, low and high, while the simple truth is that this remarkable progress is due more to the genius, the enterprise and push of the American, and to the labor-saving machinery which has made such progress possible. There is no industry of any importance in this country where labor-saving devices have not largely taken the place of hand labor, not only greatly multiplying the output but reducing the cost of production. In this more than in anything else, combined with the talent to push great enterprises, will be found the mainspring of this progress and development, which has made this government the billion dollar country it is.

CURRENT COMMENT

— Secretary Cortelyou has succeeded in making the private secretaryship so important that it is hard to tell whether a cabinet position is promotion or not.—*Chicago News, Ind.*

— The practice of "kissing the book," to make oaths binding, is a relic of ancient superstition which misbecomes our civilization. It is no good at all, but a danger and dirty nuisance, that ought to be prohibited by law.—*Chattanooga Times, Ind.*

— International law is a funny thing. According to our state department it is perfectly lawful for two big nations to turn loose 13-inch guns on one little nation to collect a debt, while if an individual creditor went after his debtor with a 32-calibre psitol he'd get jailed if not hung.—*Houston Chronicle, Ind.*

— Some of the persons who are trying to foment trouble for the Hon. Jim Clarkson and incidentally annoy the administration are advising the Southern negroes to get all the offices they can before the next Republican national convention. The advice may be good, but why do people delight to make trouble in this manner? — *Washington Post, Ind.*

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Burgaw, Rocky Point, Jan. 3, 4.
Southport, Jan. 11, 12.
Shallotte, Concord, Jan. 13.
Town Creek,——— Jan. 14.
Waccamaw, Shiloh, Jan. 17, 18.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 18, 19.
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 24, 25.
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb. 9.
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10.
Onslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14. 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb 21, 22.

District Stewards will please meet in the Ladies' Parlor, Grace church, Wilmington, Tuesday Dec. 30th, at 1 o'clock.

Missionary Institute will be held at Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1903.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th, 1903.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50 cents, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

IN REPLY TO INQUIRIES we have pleasure in announcing that Ely's Liquid Cream Balm is like the solid preparation of that admirable remedy in that it cleanses and heals membranes affected by nasal catarrh. There is no drying or sneezing. The Liquid Cream Balm is adapted to use by patients who have trouble in inhaling through the nose and prefer spraying. The price, including spraying tube, is 75 cents. Sold by druggists or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York. †

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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

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Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher.* The Kind You Have Always Bought

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Stanley *Enterprise*: Our farmers want to see quail put on the protected list. From the dearth of the bird on this market the protection has evidently already set in.

— Wilkesboro *Chronicle*: Mr. Will Hubbard's little two months' old boy died last week of spasms. This is his third child to died about the same age in the same manner.

— Raleigh *Post*: About 2 o'clock Friday in Thomas bar room, in Marion, John McCain shot and killed himself. He was a quiet, industrious young man. His family knows of no reason why he should have committed the rash deed.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: Mr. John Walden, who lives on East Hargett street, received a telegram Friday afternoon from Graham, which conveyed the news that his brother, Walter Walden, aged 35, had frozen to death there Thursday night.

— Salisbury *Sun*: Another unloaded pistol got in its work at China Grove Christmas day. During the day Mr. N. P. Cranford, a man of 45, and Jim Hagler, a young man of 18, were handling a pistol. Hagler had the pistol in his hand, when it was accidentally discharged. The bullet entered Mr. Cranford's left jaw and was lodged in the neck. The wounded man is not believed to be fatally wounded.

— Shelby *Aurora*: A negro was arrested near Gallatin, Tenn., claiming the name of John Palmer, charged with committing highway robbery. It was thought at the time that the negro was Jim Lowery, who stands charged with killing Chief of Police R. S. Jones, of Shelby. We learn that a photograph of Palmer was sent here for identification, but to the regret of many it was found that it was not Lowery.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: John Ashley was committed to jail by the Mayor to await trial for cutting a woman sometime ago near the silk mill. He has been evading arrest, and just been captured. —— While firing a gun Wednesday night at his home in Cedar Creek, Mr. Buck Hales, had the top of his head almost blown off, the gun exploding while he held it high up to fire a Xmas salute. —— Deputy Sheriff Andrews, of Raeford, was in the city Friday looking for a negro who, he says, is wanted by the authorities of Moore county on a charge of criminal assault and murder of a young white girl living just across the Cumberland line in Moore.

TWINKLINGS.

— A frying pan becomes a chafing dish after it gets into society.—*Atchison (Kan.) Globe.*

— "She says that he is a man after her own heart." "Then I suppose he will get it."—*Judge.*

— First Street Waif—"She died from eating too much ice cream." Second Street Waif—"No wonder she smiles."

— "Say, pa?" "Well, what?" "If the shortest days of the year are in December, how can February be the shortest month in the year."—*Judge.*

— Little Clarence—Pa, what is experience? Mr. Callipers—Experience, my son, is the headache you acquire from butting against the world. —*Puck.*

— First Boy—"My mamma belongs to one of the first families." Second Boy—"Pooh; that's nothing. Mine belongs to one of the last families."—*New York Life.*

— Mean Old Man—"I don't believe your story, nor believe that you are blind. Prove it." Beggar—"If I wasn't blind I never would have asked you for assistance."*Detroit Fress Press.*

— Mrs. Bacon—"My husband thinks a man can't feel at home unless he is smoking." Mrs. Egbert—"That is why he thinks he will be at home in the next world, I suppose."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— A Radical Cure.—Biggs: I understand Mrs. Strongmind married her husband to reform him. Bogg: Reform him? Of what? Biggs: He used to be a regular brute to his first wife.—*Judge.*

— "Of course, you have read of the confusion of tongues at the building of the Tower of Babel?" "A gathering of labor agitators, I suppose No I haven't read it. Tell the truth, I'm not interested in trades unions"-*Boston Transcript.*

— A Natural Question—"Have you any two-cent stamps?" inquired the victim after paying his bill at the Bong Tong Hotel. "I think so," replied the clerk. "How many do you want?" "How much are they apiece?" —*Philadelphia Press.*

— "Why didn't you tell me how improper that play was?" said Mrs. Cumrox, indignantly. "Well," answered her husband, apologetically, "I tried to do what was best. I thought that if I kept still about it maybe you and the girls wouldn't go and see it." —*Chicago Tribune.*

No Excuse This Time.

"It was a new gun, your honor," protested the prisoner, "and I did not know it was loaded."

"But," argued the judge, "the dealer has just told us that you did not pay for the weapon."

"What has that to do with it?"

"Well, if you didn't pay for it the dealer must have charged it for you."

And the judge tried to look as much like the pictures of Solomon as he could.—Baltimore American.

Wrong Presumption.

Visitor—Am I right in presuming that it was your passion for strong drink that brought you here?

Prisoner—Say, boss, I guess yer don't know dis joint. It's de last place on eart' I'd come ter if I wuz lookin' fer booze.—Judge.

Still Looking.

Aunt Hannah—When I was here two years ago, Hulda was looking for a husband. She is married now.

Uncle George—Yes, but she is still looking for him—that is to say, a good deal of the time.—Boston Transcript.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally like itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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Mr. H. M. Stufell, who is a well-known passenger trainman on the Boston and Maine Railroad, suffered as many railroad men do, with kidney and other troubles. He writes as follows:

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With many such testimonials as the above coming before us, it is not strange that we endorse Vinol as strongly as we do. We unhesitatingly agree to return to any one who has taken Vinol and is not satisfied that it has accomplished all that we claim for it every cent that they have paid us for this remedy.

ROBT. R. BELLAMY.

A CHURCH LIGHTHOUSE.

Charleston, S. C., Has the Only One In the World.

The only church in the world so far as is known that is also a lighthouse is St. Philip's church, Charleston, S. C.

St. Philip's, which is one of the oldest churches in America, is known as the "Westminster abbey of South Carolina," because within and about its walls so many distinguished men lie buried, including John C. Calhoun. The history of the old church is closely interwoven with that of South Carolina, and many of the most celebrated events in the history of the province are connected with it.

It is one of the sights of Charleston, and strangers are always taken to see it and shown its graves and monuments.

The most remarkable feature of the old church, however, is the fact that its lofty steeple serves the purpose of a lighthouse and is used to guide the seafarer and mariner safely into the port of Charleston. The use of the steeple as a lighthouse dates back to 1894, when the United States lighthouse department succeeded by dint of repeated efforts in inducing the vestry of the old church to allow a lantern to be placed in the upper story of the steeple to be used as a range light for vessels entering the harbor through the jetties at its mouth.

The light used is very powerful and is placed at an altitude of about 125 feet above the ground, so that it is easily visible thirty miles at sea. Ships making for Charleston harbor at night always keep a sharp lookout for St. Philip's light and as soon as they sight it get it into line with the beacon on Fort Sumter and then make a straightaway run for the mouth of the jetties and up through them into the harbor of Charleston.

St. Philip's church steeple is considered one of the handsomest architecturally in the world and always attracts the eye of strangers entering Charleston from the sea by its commanding height and artistic proportions.—St. Louis Republic.

NATURAL HISTORY.

There are forty-eight different kinds of house fly known and classified.

The pig is the only domestic animal in which no case of cancer has been noted.

The Spanish mackerel is one of the fastest of food fishes and cuts the water like a yacht.

Fish swallow their food whole because they are obliged to keep continually opening and closing the mouth for the purpose of respiration.

Siamese cats, both in appearance and character, closely resemble pug dogs. Even their tails have the curious curl so familiar in these stolid dogs.

Animals are found to be subject to hypnotic influence. Lobsters, it is said, can be hypnotized by standing them on their heads five or ten minutes.

There is no wild breed of fowl to which the Brahma or Cochin can be traced. The gamecock seems to be descended from the Cingalese jungle fowl.

The flesh fly produces about 20,000 young in a season. The larvæ are hatched almost instantly from the egg and at once begin their work of destruction.

A Contrast.

"Papa, who is that gentleman over there on the porch?"

"Don't you remember him, my child? He is the gentleman we met in the restaurant today who chatted so pleasantly with us while he waited about twenty-five minutes for his lunch."

"He doesn't seem very pleasant now, papa."

"Oh, no. He's at home now. See him tearing the newspaper into shreds and trying to throw his hat through the door. He is very angry because it has taken his wife a little over four minutes to get his supper ready."—Indianapolis Sun.

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY FOR THE BLOOD, LIVER, LUNGS.

COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing of the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 29.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 52c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.35 per barrel for strained and $1.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar steady at $1.35; crude turpentine quiet at $1.00 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine.............	29
Rosin.........................	62
Tar...........................	281
Crude turpentine..............	53

Receipts same day last year—31 casks spirits turpentine, 71 barrels rosin, 152 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8⅛c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary............	5¾	cts. ℔ lb
Good ordinary......	7⅛	" "
Low middling.......	7¾	" "
Middling............	8⅛	" "
Good middling......	8 15-16	" "

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅞c for middling.

Receipts—578 bales; same day last year, 2,699.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm, Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy. 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Money on call—Market was quoted at 6@15 per cent, closing offered at 6 per cent; time money firm—60 days and 90 days, 6 per cent.; six months 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was steadier; actual business in bankers' bills was at 486.75 for demand and 483.125@483.25 for sixty days. The posted rates were 485 and 487½. Commercial bills 482½@483¼. Bar silver 47⅞. Mexican dollars 38. Government bonds strong. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 108¼; U. S. funding 2's, registered, 108¾; U. S. 3's, registered, 107½; do. coupon, 108 U. S. 4's, new registered, 135½; do. coupon, 135½; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 109¼; do. coupon, 110¼; U. S. 5's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon. 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 120 Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 97⅞. Chesapeake & Ohio 46¼; Manhattan L 145¼; New York Central 151⅞; Reading 63⅝; do. 1st preferred 86⅛; do. 2nd preferred 77; St. Paul 176⅝; do. pref'd, 192¼; Southern Railway 32⅝; do. pref'd 92⅝; Amalgamated Copper 61⅜; People's Gas 102⅜; Sugar 129½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 57⅝; U. S. Leather 11⅞; do. pref'd, 88⅝; Western Union 87⅞; U. S. Steel 35; do. pref'd 84⅜; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 62; do. preferred, 123¼. Standard Oil, 696@698

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 26⅜; do. preferred, bonds, 43¼; fours, 83¾.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 29.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 29.—Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 52c; receipts 614 casks; sales 1,128 casks; exports 95 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 3,347 barrels; sales — barrels; exports 2,400 barrels Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 45 E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 70; H, $2 00; I, $2 35; K $2 85; M, $3 35; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80: W W, $4 20

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of four to six points on strong cables as to the Liverpool market, with private cables asserting that European sentiment regarding American cotton was steadily changing to a more bullish view on the strength of statistics and the failure of cotton receipts to materialize as promised by the large crop prognosticators. After the first call the market worked steadily upward until there was a net rise of twelve to sixteen points, with the market finally firm at an advance of eleven to sixteen points on the closing figures of Friday (Saturday being a holiday) and on the spot list there was an advance of ten points at New York. The spot markets of the South were generally firm. The Liverpool cables finally reported an advance of six points on spot cotton and three to four points on futures, while Manchester reported yarns hardening and cloths firm. Other factors at work on the local market were disappointing receipts for the day, large exports, unfavorable weather in the cotton belt and predictions of a continued small movement for the near future. Although the wire service was somewhat deranged, commission houses were pretty well supplied with orders throughout the session. Broadening speculation was indicated. Shorts were active buyers throughout the session. January held a weak relation to the rest of the list under selling by scattered longs through fears of "notices" of intention to deliver cotton. The buyers of January were the shorts and, as alleged, the principal January holder, who had promised to take care of any amount of cotton that may be tendered on January contracts. The total sales of futures reached 400,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Cotton quiet at 8.85c; net receipts 254 bales; gross receipts 10,699 bales; stock 158,074 bales.

Spot closed quiet and 10 points higher; middling uplands 8.85c; middling gulf 9.10c; sales 3,326 bales.

Cotton futures—Market closed firm: December 8.57, January 8.60, February 8.46, March 8.49, April 8.49, May 8.49, June 8.49, July 8.50, August 8.31, September 8.04.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 40,932 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,202 bales; exports to France —bales; exports to the Continent 27,153 bales; stock 1,101,366 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 91,886 bales; exports to Great Britain 35,634 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 336,603 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,790,359 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,487,844 bales; exports to France 403,147 bales; exports to the Continent 1,424,256 bales

Dec. 29.—Galveston, firm at 8⅜c, net receipts 7,143 bales; Norfolk, quiet at 8 5-16c, net receipts 3,231 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8⅜c, net receipts — bales; Boston, firm at 8.85c, net receipts 1,029 bales; Wilmington, firm at 8⅛, net receipts 578 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 9.00c, net receipts — bales; Savannah, firm at 8 3-16c, net receipts 8,938 bales; New Orleans, firm at 8 5-16c, net receipts 18,848 — bales; Mobile, firm at 8 3-16c, net receipts 1,560 bales; Memphis, steady at 8 5-16c, net receipts 2,962 bales; Augusta, steady at 8 7-16c, net receipts 4,176 bales; Charleston, firm at 8⅛c, net receipts 1,187 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Flour was dull but steadily held. Rye flour dull. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 83⅝c. Options—With the exeception of December, which was firm early on covering, wheat ruled weak and heavy all the forenoon under bearish Argentine and home crop news and active liquidation. Late in the day the market rallied, however, on export rumors, a smaller visible supply increase than was expected and covering, with the close only ¼@⅜c net lower: May closed 80⅞c; July closed 78⅝c; December closed 84⅛c. Corn—Spot easy; No 2 60c. Options market was irregular all day. Late months closed ⅜c higher against 5c decline in December: January closed 54⅝c; March closed 51⅛c; May closed 48⅜c; July closed 47⅛; December closed 59c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2, 38⅛c. Options were fairly active and about steady; December 42c Rice quiet. Molasses quiet. Butter steady to firm; extra creamery 28c; State dairy 20@26. Cheese strong; new State full cream, small colored, fancy fall made 14c; small white, fall made, 14c. Pork firm. Peanuts were steady; fancy hand picked 4@4⅛c; other domestic 4@4⅜c. Cabbages firm; domestic, per 100, white to red $2 00@5 00; Norfolk 75c@$1 00. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 5⅛; mild dull; Cordova 7½@12. Sugar—Raw quiet. Lard firm; Western steam $10 80@10 85; refined steady. Tallow steady Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania average best 28c Potatoes easy; Long Island $2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50 @2 15. Cotton seed oil steady, quieter: Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 31c bid; prime summer yellow 38¼@39; off summer yellow, 38c; prime white 41@42c; prime winter yellow 42c; prime meal $27 00@27 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—There was a fairly active trade on the board of trade today and after a weak opening the grain markets closed firm although May wheat was down ⅛@ ⅜c. May corn was up ⅛@ ⅛c and oats were ⅛c higher. May provisions closed unchanged to 10c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Cash prices: Flour quiet and firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 75@76c; No. 3 spring 68@74c; No. 2 red 74¼@74⅝c. Corn—No. 2 45c; No. 2 yellow 47c. Oats—No. 2—c; No. 2 white —; No. 3 white 32@34c. Rye—No. 49c. Mess pork, per barrel, $17 00. Lard, per 100 lbs, $10 40@10 47½. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 50 @8 75. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear side, boxed, $8 87½@9 00. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 31.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 74⅜, 74⅜, 74¼, 75⅛c; May 77@77⅛, 77⅛, 76⅞@76⅞, 76⅞, 76⅞@77c: July 73⅞ @74, 74, 73¾, 73⅝c. Corn—No 2 December 45⅜, 45⅜, 45, 45¼c; January 44⅞@45, 45¼, 44⅝, 45¼c; May 43⅜@43⅜, 43⅜@43⅜, 43⅜@43⅜, 43⅜@43⅜c. Oats—No 2 December, new, 32⅛, 32⅜, 32, 32⅝; May 33¾@33⅞, 34¼, 33⅝, 34⅛. Mess pork, per bbl—December $17 32½, 17 40, 17 25, 17 25; May $16 55, 16 65, 16 52½, 16 55. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 45, 10 45, 10 40, 10 40; January $10 00, 10 07½, 10 00, 10 02½; May $9 65, 9 70, 9 62½, 9 62½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 57½, 8 60, 8 52½, 8 52½; May $8 70, 8 77½, 8 65, 8 67½.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—Cotton: Spot moderate business done; prices six points higher; American middling fair 5.22d; good middling 4.74d; middling 4.56d; low middling 4.46d; good ordinary 4.34d; ordinary 4.22d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 7,800 bales American. Receipts 64,000 bales, including 51,200 bales American.

Futures opened and closed very steady; American middling (g o c December 4.54d; December and January 4.53@4.54d; January and February 4.53d; February and March 4.53d; March and April 4.53d; April and May 4.53d; May and June 4.54d; June and July 4.54d; July and August 4.54d; August and September 4.48@4.49d.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Highlander, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, T D Love.

Norwegian barque Argo, 687 tons, Addison, Tybee, Ga, Heide & Co.

British steamship Torgorm, 1,676 tons, Halladay, New York, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

CLEARED.

Steamer Highlander, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, T D Love.

British steamship Rivertor, Williams, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Steamer Compton, Sanders, Calabash and Little River, S C, Stone, Rourk & Co.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

BREMEN—British steamship Rivertor, 10,839 bales cotton, 1,532,746 pounds, valued at $453,000; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

MARINE DIRECTORY

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 30

STEAMSHIPS.

Torgorm, (Br) 1,676 tons, Halladay, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Vera, (Br) 1,854 tons, Bennett, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Zeeburg, (Dutch) 1,958 tons, Stasse, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Argo, (Nor) 687 tons, Addison, Heide & Co.

Foster Rice, (Br) 179 tons, Brinton, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Chas C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Venus, 194 tons, Foxwell, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Lady Shea, (Br) 151 tons, Munro, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

BARQUES.

Nellie Troop, (Br) 1,317 tons, Nobles, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—6 bales cotton, 31 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—319 bales cotton, 6 barrels tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—60 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 113 barrels tar, 14 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—203 bales cotton, 19 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—13 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 6 barrels rosin, 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Highlander—67 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 47 barrels rosin, 143 barrels tar.

Steamer Franklin Pierce—9 barrels rosin.

Total—578 bales cotton, 29 casks spirits turpentine, 62 barrels rosin, 281 barrels tar, 53 barrels crude turpentine.

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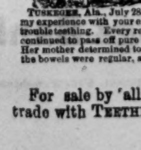
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FAD BECAME A MANIA.

Tempted by Harvard Book Plates, a Doctor Turned Thief.

It would seem from the experience of the Harvard college library that book plate collecting may sometimes develop into a dangerous and expensive mania. A few years ago the Harvard library found that the engraved labels which it pastes on the inside of the covers of its books as marks of its ownership were disappearing from some of the less used volumes. The older book plates, it appears, are highly prized by collectors, and some of them are particularly valuable for their artistic merit as well as for interesting associations with early book collecting in this country. These were naturally the special prey of the thief.

Detectives took the matter in hand, and the offender was discovered with full evidence of his guilt upon him. He confessed to stealing the library's property and to having it in his possession. By the time the matter reached the courts the greater part of the book plates had been restored, the thief having settled satisfactorily with the persons to whom he had sold or given them, and, as the prisoner had repaid the expense to which the library had been put, the college consented to leave the matter of sentence with the court, which imposed a fine of $150 on one count and put the other count on file, to be brought up again later if it should be desirable, meanwhile placing the offender under $1,000 bonds for his future appearance if he should be wanted.

A striking point in the case is that the guilty man is in no way a common criminal. His education (he has a degree of doctor) and his taste seem only to have made his thefts more intelligent and discriminating, however. He knew the value of his peculiar booty, and he knew how to dispose of it, his very personality being a protection to him in that part of his misdemeanor. Apparently the fad developed to a mania and that to kleptomania in his mind.

A number of the stolen plates have not yet been traced at all, and collectors have been warned against accepting Harvard plates of the older engraved varieties unless there is unmistakable evidence that they came honestly into the possession of the person who offers them.

LAW POINTS.

A druggist may be convicted of maintaining a liquor nuisance, though having a permit to sell liquor, holds the supreme court of Kansas.

The giving of a new note for an existing indebtedness will not of itself release collateral security held for payment of such indebtedness, holds the supreme court of Nebraska.

A child of divorced parents is a ward of the court and must not be removed from the state by the parent to whom the court has awarded the custody, holds the appellate court of Illinois.

A reservation of title in a conditional sale of goods is valid as between the parties and those succeeding to their rights, with knowledge of such reservation, either personally or from the records.

A decree or order for alimony in a divorce proceeding is not a debt within the meaning of that term as used in the constitution prohibiting imprisonment for debt, holds the supreme court of Washington.

A bequest in a will for the purchase of books on spiritualism, to be free to all, is held by the court of chancery of New Jersey in the case of Jones versus Watford (50 Atl. Rep., 180) to be a charitable gift which a court of equity will enforce.

WHAT IS TEMPERAMENT?

No Wonder This Child's Brain Is All In a Muddle.

The half dozen blocks about Dupont circle include the homes of as many scientists of national reputation. These gentlemen of course know each other and meet frequently. Not long ago one of their neighbors began to wonder whether such intimate intercourse among scientists was a good thing, his cogitation having had its rise in the following incident:

His little daughter has just reached the age when she asks 200 questions a day. About a month ago her father spoke of some author as lacking the proper "temperament" for writing on history. That word "temperament" apparently took root in the youngster's mind. What was temperament? She asked that question twice an hour for an entire week.

Finally her father gave her a note to Professor —— and sent her off to find out. That scientist answered the query as follows: "Temperament is an individual tendency to the rise of a certain mental state." Father and daughter wrestled with that a little while and then applied to a second member of the scientific group for help. No. 2 called temperament "an ensemble of physical and mental traits arising from fundamental constitutional differences in individuals." This put the little girl's father completely at sea. So No. 3 was tried. His judgment was that "temperament is the psychic resultant of the whole organic life of the individual." By this time hope was abandoned. But when No. 4 volunteered to make it clear the family spirits revived. "Temperament is a general disposition of the mind," he wrote, "the distinctions of which depend on the dominance of one or the other of the physiological systems."

And now the family dictionary is worn out.—Washington Star.

A Hindoo Superstition.

When visits are exchanged by the friends of the Hindoo bride and groom to complete arrangements for the wedding, great attention is paid to omens, which are considered especially potent then. For instance, if the groom's messengers should meet a cat, a fox or a serpent they turn back and seek a more propitious time for the errand. After the bride's father has received the offer he must delay replying until one of the ubiquitous lizards in his house has chirped.—Woman's Home Companion.

Ingalls on Butter.

Many years ago, when John J. Ingalls, the brilliant Kansan, was a member of the senate, oleomargarine was a bone of contention. The debate led Ingalls to utter one of those epigrammatic sentences which made him famous. "I have never, to my knowledge, tasted oleomargarine," said Ingalls, "but I have stood in the presence of genuine butter with awe for its strength and reverence for its antiquity."

Trade Craft.

"We are turning out some very elaborate scales," said the agent—"some that will attract the attention of your customers."

"Do you suppose I want my customers to watch the scales?" asked the surprised butcher. "Give me the plainest style you have."—Chicago News.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard

ANTISEPTICS.

They Do Not Destroy, It Is Said, but Only Arrest Germ Life.

The Edinburgh Scotsman begs leave to correct the erroneous belief that implies that antiseptics can prevent decay. Decay may be arrested without killing the microbe which would produce it. A few drops of a solution of carbolic acid added to flour paste will keep it sweet for a certain time, not because the germs in the paste are destroyed, but because these germs are hindered for the time being in their growth and multiplication and because the paste is rendered temporarily an unsuitable soil for the growth of whatever microbes may fall from the air into it.

When the effect of the acid has worn off and disappeared, we see the paste going to the bad as rapidly as if it had not been treated antiseptically at all. Molds will grow in it, and it will decay in the fashion familiar to everybody.

It is in this way cold may act as an antiseptic when it is used to preserve meat and fish. There is no destruction, but only arrest of germ life. If we wish to kill microbes, therefore, we not only have to use a disinfectant, but we must employ it in proper proportions and see that it thoroughly attacks the germs we wish to destroy. It is for this reason that all attempts to kill germs which the air may contain are worse than useless. We cannot "disinfect" the air. If we could do so, we should require to saturate the air with our germicide to such an extent that to breathe it would kill us.

We get an excellent example of this fallacy of "disinfecting air" when we reflect that in using burning sulphur to purify a room after a fever case we have to use it in such a way and in such proportion that it is impossible for any person to remain in the room at all.

Hiding Behind Big Words.

A mining expert recently described a lode as traversing "a metamorphic matrix of a somewhat argilloarenaceous composition." This means literally 'a changed mass of a somewhat clayey-sandy composition." This in its turn may be translated into plain English as m-u-d.

Why choke a puny fact with murderous polysyllables? Huxley and Darwin, Lyell and Faraday could so write as to be "understanded of the people," and there is a suspicion abroad in these times that the big words so freely used by small men are a device to conceal ignorance and inexact thought rather than a proof of superior knowledge.—Youth's Companion.

Test of the Age of Eggs.

There is a sure and simple test of age in an egg. Dissolve six ounces of common kitchen salt in a large glassful of water and drop in your eggs, one at a time. An egg one day old will sink to the bottom, but if older it does not reach the bottom. If three days old, it sinks only just below the surface. If five days and over, it floats; and the older it is the more it protrudes from the water.—New York Press.

Satisfaction In It.

"You know, my dear," said her friend, "wealth does not mean happiness."

"Well," said the young lady who was considering a possible proposal, "it means carte blanche with one's milliner and one's dressmaker!"—Brooklyn Life.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Mass., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles free. †

Piles! Piles! Piles!

Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared to cure Piles and DOES IT in short order. Easy to apply, every box guaranteed, 50c. and $1.00. All druggists or by mail. WILLIAMS M'F'G Co., Cleveland, Ohio. Sold by J. C. Sheppard, Jr. †

No Man Can Die

Of any form of Fever who uses Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic even half-way right. It is 100 times better than quinine, and does in a day what slow quinine cannot do in ten days. Johnson's Tonic will drive out every trace and taint of Grip Poison from the blood. Write for Agency to A. B. Girardeau, Savannah, Ga. †

IS YELLOW POISON

in your blood? Physicians call it Malarial Germ. It can be seen changing red blood yellow under microscope. It works day and night. First, it turns your complexion yellow. Chilly, aching sensations creep down your backbone. You feel weak and worthless.

ROBERTS' CHILL TONIC

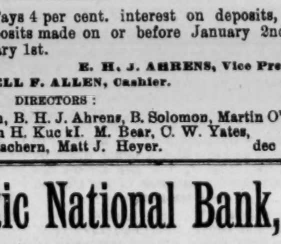
will stop the trouble now. It enters the blood at once and drives out the yellow poison. If neglected and when Chills, Fevers, Night-Sweats and a general break-down come later on, Roberts' Tonic will cure you then—but why wait? Prevent future sickness. The manufacturers know all about this yellow poison and have perfected Roberts' Tonic to drive it out, nourish your system, restore appetite, purify the blood, prevent and cure Chills, Fevers and Malaria. It has cured thousands—it will cure you, or your money back. This is fair. Try it. Price, 25 cents.

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THIS REMEDY is sure to GIVE Satisfaction.

CATARRH



Ely's Cream Balm

Gives Relief at once.

HAY FEVER

It cleanses, soothes and heals the diseased membrane. It cures Catarrh and drives away a Cold in the Head quickly. It is absorbed. Heals and Protects the Membrane. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Full size 50c., at Druggists or by mail; Trial size 10c. by mail.

ELY BROTHERS,
56 Warren street, New York.

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Big G CURES in 1 to 5 days. Guaranteed not to stricture. Prevents Contagion. THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO. CINCINNATI, O. U. S. A.

Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous.

Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for $1.00, or 3 bottles, $2.75. Circular sent on request.

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Rheumacide

Is a new and scientific compound made from roots, herbs and barks—contains neither opiates nor poisons. It purifies the blood and removes the causes of rheumatism and all blood diseases. Anyone can take RHEUMACIDE with absolute safety. Does not injure the digestive organs.

TWO CURES.

FLORENCE, S. C., Aug. 16, 1902.

Gentlemen:—I began to suffer from rheumatism about three years ago, and had it very bad in my limbs. At times I could hardly walk. Was treated by a physician without benefit. More than a year ago, Mr. George Wilson, an engineer on the Coast Line, living in Florence, told me that "RHEUMACIDE" cured him. I got a bottle and it benefitted me. I took five bottles and am now as well as I ever was in my life. I regard "RHEUMACIDE" as a great medicine. I know of others it has cured.

Truly,
S. T. BURCH.

DARLINGTON, S. C., Aug. 19th, 1902.

Gentlemen:—About two years ago I had a very severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. I suffered great pain and was confined to my bed for five weeks. During the time I was treated by two Physicians without permanent relief. Capt. Harker, a conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line heard of my condition and sent me two bottles of "RHEUMACIDE." I began to take it and in a week I got up and walked on crutches. After taking three bottles of the remedy I got entirely well and went back to my business.

I personally know of a number of other bad cases that were cured by the use of your medicine, in this town and vicinity. It is all that you claim for it.

Truly, J. L. SISKRON.

Sold by Druggists. Will be sent express paid on receipt of $1.00.
Bobbitt Chemical Co., - - Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

We Come With New Year's Greetings.

The year of 1902 is drawing to a close. We trust it has been as pleasant and profitable to you as it has been to us.

Our Christmas trade was phenomenal; it broke all records of the past. Our whole year's business was unusually good. We are now facing the year 1903 and have already been making preparations for the year's business. The rush is over, but our stock is not broken. We anticipated a big trade and bought accordingly.

We have just received a nice line of new Black Beaver Hats, very stylish, at $2.75 each. Also a nice line of Scratch Felt Hats, in black and all colors, at 69c each. We have an extensine line of Ready-to-wear Hats that we are selling for 50c, 69c, 89c and $1.19, which is about 50 per cent. of actual value.

In new Ribbons we have just received a large shipment, in all colors. Beautiful Glazed Taffetta Ribbons, in Nos. 5 and 7, at 5c per yard; Nos. 9 and 12, at 8c per yard; Nos. 16 and 22, at 10c per yard; No. 40, at 15c per yard; No. 60, at 20c per yard; and No. 80, at 25c per yard. Satin and Taffetta Ribbons are from 5c to 35c per yard.

In Ladies' Hats we have a big lot to sell at 25c each, regardless of cost or quality; all shapes and colors, and all this year's goods.

Our Cloak Department has had an immense success this season. We have bought several large shipments of Cloaks at almost half-price, and we have on hand a very nice and extensive line. Nicely lined and well made Beaver Coats at $3.50. The latest Monte Carlo Coats at $5, and the best $10 Monte Carlos are going at $7.50 each.

In ladies and children underwear we have just received quite a nice shipment. Ladies' red and white flannel vests and pants of all kinds and in all sizes for 75 cents, 85 cents and $1 each. Ladies' bleached ribbed vests at 25 cents each. Just received a large shipment of samples in needlewear which represents one and two of a kind of anything you can call for, which we are selling at about first cost; we make our profits in the discounts. Vests and pants in this lot run from 10 cents to $2.25 each.

We have also received 120 dozen of sample hosiery, all colors and prices from 5 cents to 25 cents a pair.

We have children's hose in all sizes from 5 cents to 25 cents; we have an immense stock of ladies and gentlemen's hosiery; our line of Shamrock hosiery for ladies are the best value to be had, sell for 12½ cents, 15 cents and 25 cents a pair.

Men's ½ wool socks at 10 cents a pair; all wool at 15 cents. The finest 25 cents cashmere hose are selling at 20 cents.

Embroidery, we have about 8,000 yards bought at a low down price. Good embroidery with a lot of work for 4c. Very good value at 5c., and 15c value we are selling at 10c. Our corset stock has just been replenished. Just received 30 doz. R. & G. corsets to sell for 50, 75, and $1. The long hip corset for $125. Our B. C. N. corset cannot be matched in any retail store in the city, we buy them in solid case lots and can sell you a 75c. corset for 50c.

Our Kalamazoo Corsets in blue and white and pink and white and all white, are well shaped and good values, running at 25c. Regular 50c Corsets for 39c.

Infants' Cloaks. Just bought a sample line to sell for 50c, 75c, 89c up to $2.25. All well made and new styles.

Ladies' heavy Capes, nicely trimmed, in fur and made of Beaver cost, all new goods, $1.50 and $1.75 each; 50c each; less than cost.

A nice line of new Belts at 25c and 39c each.

In our Men's and Boys' Clothing Department, judging by our sales, you would think no one else in the city carried Clothing. Good suits from $3 up. In boys' heavy-weight Clothing, we have just bought out a factory. Suits that sold for $3 we can sell now for $2.25; we have them from $1.50 up. In boys' Pants we have agency for New York Mill & Co. All made with tape seams and made of best woollen goods; all 50c a pair; any size.

In our Clothing Department we have 500 nice Clothes Brushes to give away, one with each suit sold.

If you are thinking of having your photo enlarged, we represent the Argo Mfg. Co., of Chicago, who make oil paintings for us. We give an Argo oil painting free with every $20 cash purchase, when you buy the frame from us.

With best wishes for a happy New Year.

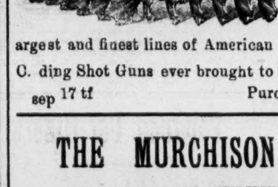
The Big Racket Store.

P. S.—For Sunday School Christmas Trees we have lots of nice Toys left on hand. Plenty of Toys and China Bric-a-brac. dec 28 tf

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Capital	$ 300,000
Surplus	100,000
Total Assets	$2,000,000

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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Solicits your account. Pays 4 per cent. interest on deposits, compounded quarterly. Deposits made on or before January 2nd will draw interest from January 1st.

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The Atlantic National Bank,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

EXTENDS THE SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ITS NUMEROUS FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS FAR AND NEAR.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

LOW ROUND TRIP

Rates From Wilmington

Sixth Annual Exhibition, Charlotte Poultry Association, Charlotte, N. C., January 12th-15th, 1903. Dates of sale January 11th to 14th, inclusive. Final limit January 16th. Rate, $6.30.

Meeting North Carolina Association Academies, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26th, 27th, 1902. Dates of sale Dec. 24th to 27th, inclusive. Final limit Dec. 31st. Rate, $6.55.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

On Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets to all points in territory of the Southeastern Passenger Association at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, limited Jan. 3 Upon presentation and surrender of certificates signed by superintendents, principals or presidents of schools or colleges tickets at this rate will be sold to teachers and students, Dec. 16 to 22, inclusive; limited Jan. 8th.

W. J. CRAIG,
Approved: Gen'l Passenger Agent.
H. M. EMERSON,
Traffic Manager.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 30, 1902.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11.25 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	....
Ar Weldon	4 53 p m	1 45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 52 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.23 a m	9.10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 25 a m
Ar New York	7.08 a m	1 52 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv New York	9 00 a m	9 30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 30 a m	12 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 44 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	2.50 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk	....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	6.56 p m	8,30 a m
Ar Petersburg	7 32 p m	9 13 a m
Ar Weldon	9.04 p m	11.22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 07 P m	12 50 p m
Ar Wilson	10 48 p m	1.46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	2 55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.10 a m	5.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.
SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6.00 a m	3 45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	2.55 a m‡
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 35 p m	3.00 a m	7 55 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9.00 a m	12 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8.05 p m	9 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	5.15 p m	6.25 a m
Ar Florence	8.03 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily.		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar.	8.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 20 p m	Ar.	5.00 p m
Ar Sanford	1 50 p m	Lv.	3.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.		South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 32 p m	Ar.	12 08 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv.	9 03 a m

‡Via Wilson.
Trains Nos. 40 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.
H. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.

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WINTER SCHEDULE

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS, LIGHT AND POWER CO.

Schedule In Effect Sunday, December 28.

READ DOWN. WILMINGTON TO OCEAN VIEW. Leave. — OCEAN VIEW TO WILMINGTON. Arrive. READ UP.

*1 A. M	3 A. M	5 P. M	7 P. M	9 P. M	Sat. only P. M	Stations.	2 A. M	4 P. M	6 P. M	8 P. M	10 P. M	Sat. only P. M
7.00	10.00	1.00	3.00	6.00	10.00	Front and Princess	8.30	12.30	2.30	5.05	7.30	11.00
7.10	10.10	1.10	3.10	5.10	10 10	Delgado	8.20	12.20	2.20	5.20	7.20	10.50
7.12	10.12	1.12	3.12	6.12	10.12	Golf Club	8.18	12.18	2.18	5.25	7.18	10.48
7.15	10.15	1.15	3.15	6 15	10.15	Masonboro	8.15	12.15	2.15	5.25	7.15	10.45
7.23	10.23	1.23	3.23	6.23	10.23	Greenville	8.07	12.07	2.07	5.35	7.07	10.37
7.25	10.25	1.25	3.25	6 25	10.25	Bradley's Creek	8.05	12.05	2.05	5 38	7.05	10.35
7.30	10.30	1.30	3.30	6.30	10.30	Wrightsville	8.00	12.00	2.00	5.40	7.00	10.30
	10.45	......	3.45	......	......	Ocean View	......	11.45	......	5.50	......	......

Arrive. Leave.

*Daily Except Sunday.
Trains Nos 1, 5 and 9 will also carry passengers to Ocean View. Upon request to the conductor.
Freight received at Ninth and Orange streets from 4 to 5 P. M. Daily ex. Sunday. dec 27 tf

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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Nov. 22

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 3:20 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:44 P. M., Pembroke 6:10 P. M., Maxton 6.40 P. M., Hamlet 7:25 P. M., Charlotte 10:32 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 A. M., Hamlet at 8:25 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:10 A. M., Pembroke 9:43 A. M., Lumberton 10 08 A. M., Wilmington 12.20 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET

Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Monroe	11 2[illegible] a m	9 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	.....	10.33 a m
Ar Chester	12.51 a m	10.20 a m
Ar Greenwood	3.25 a m	12.27 p m
Ar Athens	2 52 a m	5 58 p m
Ar Atlanta	7 35 a m	4.00 p m

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points.

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET

Lv Hamlet	9 45 p m	7 35 a m
Ar Columbia	1 15 a m	11.20 a m
Ar Savannah	2 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7 00 a m	9 15 p m
Ar Tampa	6.15 p m	6 00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.50 a m	
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.10 a m	
Ar Norlina	3 32 a m	1.25 p m	
Ar Portsmouth / Ar Norfolk	7.15 a m	5.35 p m	
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8.40 a m	7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 30 a m	11.45 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.35 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Petersburg	5.53 a m	4.07 p m	4 47 p m
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	4.55 p m	5.40 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	8.30 p m	....
Ar Baltimore	11.25 a m	11.25 p m	....
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m	....

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.25 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 12.35 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.37 p. m.; Portsmouth 9 05 p. m.; Norfolk 8.30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a. m. From train 35, leaving Atlanta 1.00 p. m.; Athens 2.57 p. m.; Chester 4.15 a. m.; Charlotte 5.01 a. m.; Monroe 5.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.30 a. m.

From train 66 leaving Jacksonville 4.30 p. m.; Savannah 12.10 p. m.; Columbia 3.55 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 8 20 a. m.

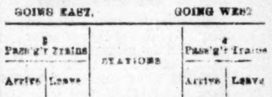
Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.



To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 2 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
....	4 33	Kinston	10 12	....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 27	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 22	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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FISH,

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Mullets, Sardines,

SALMON, MACKEREL, HERRING,

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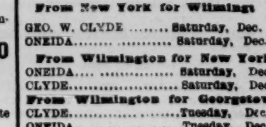
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From Wilmington for New York.
ONEIDA .... Saturday, Dec. 20
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CLYDE .... Tuesday, Dec. 23
ONEIDA .... Tuesday, Dec. 30

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The privilege of hunting on my lands near Wilmington having been leased, all persons are hereby warned against shooting, hunting, ranging or otherwise trespassing on said lands.

nov 2 S. W. NOBLE.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING DEC. 30.

THE MOVEMENT OF COTTON.

New Orleans Exchange Statement—Total Receipts Since September 1st—Foreign Exports—Mill Takings.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Secretary Hester's weekly Cotton Exchange statement for the week ending Friday, December 26th, issued to-day, shows for the twenty-six days of December a decrease under last year of 138,000 bales, and a decrease under the same period year before last of 148,000.

For the 117 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the same days last year by 117,000 bales, and ahead of the same days year before last by 134,000.

The amount brought into sight during the week has been 368,391 bales, against 378,677 for the same seven days last year and 339,924 year before last.

The movement since Sept. 1st shows receipts at all United States ports to be 4,714,330 against 4,570,002 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada 523,323 against 566,785 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 472,230 against 536,115 last year; Southern mill takings 789,500 against 709,168 last year.

The total movement since September 1, is 6,499,383 bales against 6,382,070 last year and 6,365,542 year before last.

Foreign exports for the week have been 216,546 bales against 245,199 last year, making the total thus far for the season 3 302,424 against 3,370,999 last year.

The total takings of American mills, North and South and Canada thus far for the season have been 1,782,532 bales against 1,686,010 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty-nine leading Southern interior centers have increased during the week 11,524 bales against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 45,281.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop, the supply to date is 6,614,457 against 6,741,757 for the same period last year.

The Visible Supply.

Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton for the week ending Friday, Dec. 26th, issued to-day, shows the total visible to be 3,828,795 bales, against 3,693,756 last week and 4,147,980 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,171,795 bales, against 3,081,756 last week and 3,555,980 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 657,000 bales, against 615,000 last week and 592,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 1,763,000 bales, against 2,056,000 last year; in Egypt 204,000 bales, against 202,000 last year; in India 203,000 bales, against 172,000 last year, and in the United States 1,656,000 bales, against 1,718,000 last year.

YACHT GERHILDE HERE.

Wealthy New York Lawyer's Handsome Boat Arrived Yesterday,

A welcome arrival in port yesterday was the trim and handsome sailing yacht *Gerhilde*, owned by Mr. Charles Robinson Smith, a wealthy lawyer of New York City and a prominent member of the Metropolis yacht club. The craft upon arrival reported to the Rudder Station here which is in charge of Capt. C. D. Mafflit.

The yacht comes to take Mr. Smith and party on a fortnight's cruise. She is in charge of Mate Kris and was piloted from Norfolk to Wilmington by Capt. W. C White. She was launched last Thursday and is certainly a "thing of beauty."

IN A TURKEY BLIND.

Young White Man Found Dead—Thos. B. Parker Was Accidentally Shot Near Hillsboro

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Dec. 29.—Robt. Stafford, a young white man residing in Johnston county, was found dead in a turkey blind near the Wayne county line Saturday morning last. It is not known whether his death was due to an accident or that Stafford was the victim of foul play.

Thos. B. Parker, of Hillsboro, State business agent of the Farmers' alliance, with headquarters in Raleigh, a former citizen of Goldsboro, was accidentally shot in the thigh and abdomen while out gunning Saturday last, twelve miles distant from Hillsboro. It is not thought Mr. Parker's condition will justify his removal to Hillsboro within several days.

Senator Simmons appoints T. B. Hearth his stenographer, vice Robt. Boyd resigned.

Gov. Aycock spoke in Henderson last night at a farewell service tendered Rev. J. D. Hufham, who retires from the ministry.

A Frightened Horse,

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IN THE CAPITAL OF THE MOGULS.

Official Opening of the Durbar to Celebrate the Accession of King Edward

AS THE EMPEROR OF INDIA.

A Splendid Pageant—Unparalleled in its Magnificence—Elephant Procession Lord and Lady Curzon—British and Native Troops.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

DELHI, INDIA, Dec. 29.—The Viceroy, Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, made his state entry to-day into the capital of the Moguls. This constituted the official opening of the Durbar held to celebrate the accession of King Edward as Emperor of India.

It was a splendid pageant, probably unparelled in its magnificence. At the head of the elephant procession rode Lord and Lady Curzon on the state "grand tusker," twelve feet high, the largest elephant in India. Their howdah was decked with gold and silver and the elephant itself was almost hidden beneath a gold worked saddle cloth. Surrounding them were footmen in scarlet and gold liveries and bearing massive silver staves. The Duke of Connaught, who represented King Edward, and the Duchess of Connaught followed. Their elephant was equally gorgeously caparisoned. Then, in order of precedence, came the Nizam of Hyderabad, the Maharajah of Travancore, and other ruling chiefs, seventy in all, their huge elephants forming a line a quarter of a mile in length. This glittering procession started from the railroad station, preceded by dragoon guards and artillery, the viceroy's escort and by heralds and trumpeters. The route was entirely lined by British and native troops. From the saluting battery, posted at the fort commanding the Lahore gate, guns thundered a royal salute as the viceroy passed, with the heralds and trumpsters sounding at intervals spirited fanfares. The cortege passed in front of

A Line of 150 Elephants

carrying the brilliantly dressed retainers of the ruling chiefs. The colossal beasts all saluted by trumpeting and throwing their trunks in the air, presenting a truly imposing sight, and afterwards fell in line behind the official procession. Huge crowds of on-lookers witnessed the spectacle, which it is asserted has never been surpassed in magnificence, even in this country of oriental splendor. The heralds, pursuivants and trumpeters who followed the escort and immediately preceded the viceregal procession were conspicuous by their splendid attire. They were followed by the newly constituted imperial cadet corps, comprising thirty maharajahs.

The excitement was at fever heat as the first elephants, with gold and silver howdahs, of the staff officers, came in view and commenced to circle around the mosque. The finest elephants in Asia passed in front of the great Jumma Musjid, the steps of which were thronged with distinguished personages, including the viceroys,

American and British Guests

and the delegates from the colonies and from other parts of the Empire. The enormous animals shuffled slowly by, many of the massive howdahs of quaint and rich design being surrounded with magnificent canopies of gold embroidered and bejewelled tapestry. The bodies of the animals were almost hidden by their trappings of crimson; golden bracelets were on their ankles, gold and silver bells were hanging from their neck chains, and their heads were painted and decorated in every conceivable color. The mahouts were clad in the brightest attire, as were the attendant spearmen who marched by the elephants' sides. In the rear of the procession rode General Lord Kitchener, the commander-in-chief in India, surrounded by a brilliant staff and followed by the heads of the provinces, with escorts of Indian cavalry, and tribal leaders from beyond the border line.

Down the main street moved the cortege, through lines of saluting soldiers and excited, surging, salaaming throng of natives, through the ancient city, with the balconies and house-tops teeming with life, and through the Moree gate into the open park beyond. There, after a four-mile march, the elephants of the viceroy and the Duke of Connaught halted side by side, and the pageant was concluded with the great princes filing by, their elephants trumpeting a salute.

The viceroy was in state uniform, Lady Curzon was dressed in gray, the Duke of Connaught had on a field marshal's uniform and the Duchess of Connaught was attired in blue. They received a flattering welcome at all points.

The viceroy and the Duke of Connaught subsequently drove to the main camp.

The roads, after the passage of the procession, presented a scene of chaos, as the camel carriages, mule carts, landaus, bicycles and bullock carts pressed onward in strange confusion. There were many break-downs and many hours elapsed before the people were able to return to their camps.

NO MATERIAL DAMAGE.

Cold Wave in Florida Not Severe Enough to Hurt Crops.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 28.—The cold wave has done no material damage to any crops in Florida. While a temperature of from 27 to 30 degrees above zero was experienced at some sections on the west coast last night, frost warnings had been sent out in ample time and practically all the vegetable growers who could be affected had prepared for it. The cold was not severe enough, nor was it of sufficient duration to damage the citrus trees or the fruit.

WARM WIRELETS.

The operators of the Flat Top, W. Va., coal fields will give their miners an advance of ten to twenty per cent., beginning January 1. Twelve thousand men are affected.

Leonard M. and James Y. Cowherd, of Grafton, W. Va., brothers, aged 19 and 21 respectively, and students at the Bowling Green Academy, Bowling Green, Va., were drowned while skating at the latter place Sunday.

At Washington, Ga., Sallie Edmonds, a beautiful girl of 18, is slightly wounded and Chick Harris, aged 36, is dead by his own hand as a result of his mad infatuation for the girl. Harris was married and had two children.

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SULTAN OF MOROCCO BESIEGED BY REBELS.

Retired to His Palace at Fez—Missionaries Leaving for the Coast—Spanish Troops Held in Readiness.

By Cable to the Morning Star

TANGIER, MOROCCO, Dec. 29.—The Sultan of Morocco is said to have retired to the Palace at Fez, with all his available artillery and ammunition, and to have strongly barricaded himself in consequence of a threatened attack on the part of the rebels.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Tangier, dated yesterday, received in London to-day, gives notice of the departure of the English women missionaries at Fez and Tetuan for the coast. No mention is made of the departure of American missionaries some whom were stationed at Fez and Mequines, nor of the departure of the English male missionaries.

MADRID, Dec. 29.—The Spanish government is preparing for eventualities in Morocco and has ordered troops at Malaga, Cadiz and Algeciras to be held in readiness to promptly reinforce the garrisons at Ceuta and Melilla, Morocco, should the situation require it. A Spanish cruiser has been ordered to Tangier.

According to dispatches received here from Tangier, the rebels chased the troops of the Sultan of Morocco to the gates of Fez. It is reported that Europeans are preparing to leave Fez.

A FIGHT BETWEEN WHITES AND NEGROES.

A Battle Near the Newbury Phosphate Mines in Florida — Negroes Killed and White Men Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WILLISTON, FLA., Dec. 29.—Two negroes are dead and two white men are wounded as a result of a clash at arms near the Newberry phosphate mines. There has been bad feeling between the whites and desperate negroes employed at the mines for some time. Ulmer Flowers, Roy Landran and M. Colley, whites, drove to Newberry in two buggies on business. Knowing the desperate character of the negroes of that vicinity they went fully armed. When they started home a gang of negroes armed with Winchester rifles met them in the road and opened fire. The whites returned the shots and the battle was continued for some time. When the smoke cleared away it was found that two of the negroes were dead, while Flowers was found shot through the thigh and a channel was left in N. Landran's brow where a Winchester bullet had plowed its way. The live negroes had fled, but the whites followed and succeeded in capturing one, who they delivered to the sherfff.

FIRE AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

Large Wholesale Whiskey House in Flames—Offices of the L. & N Railroad Threatened.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 30.—Fire which started at 11:45 last night in the wholesale whiskey house of Bonnie Bros., at 139 West Main street, threatens to cause a loss of several hundred dollars. The fire is in the heart of the wholesale whiskey district of Louisville and the fourth floor of the building in which the flames originated is occupied by a portion of the force of the Auditor's office of the Louisville and Nashville railway, the main building of the general offices of the road being two doors below.

The stock of whiskey in Bonnie Brothers place is valued at about $85,000 and is already a total loss, while the flames have reach d the upper floors of the building occupied by Wright and Taylor, wholesale whiskey dealers, situated between Bonnie Brothers and the Louisville and Nashville offices.

2:05 A. M.—The fire is now under control. The general offices of the Louisville and Nashville railroad have not been seriously damaged.

FIRE IN ATLANTA.

Star Theatre Building Almost Completely Destroyed—Loss About $30,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 29.—The Star theatre building, on Decatur street, was almost completely destroyed by fire to-day. A vaudeville company was giving a rehearsal in the theatre when startled by cries of fire, and the members of the company made a hasty retreat from the burning building in their stage costumes. All of the theatrical company and others who were in the building escaped without injury. The burned building originally cost about $30,000. There was no insurance.

WRECK ON THE N & W

Engineer Killed—None of the Passengers Was Hurt.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 29.—The Norfolk and Western passenger train, which left here last night at 9 o'clock for Hagerstown, Maryland, over the Shenandoah Valley division, was wrecked two hours later near Greenville, sixty-five miles north of Roanoke. Engineer Wesley Bailey, of Roanoke, was instantly killed. None of the passengers was hurt. The train was running about forty miles an hour when it struck a curve, where an angle-bar had been removed. The engine and two front coaches were thrown down an embankment.

COMPULSORY PILOTAGE

Case on Trial in the Chancery Court at Norfolk, Virginia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 29.—The case of Darden and Stanworth, members of the Virginia Pilot Association, against the masters of several vessels for pilot charges, on account of services rendered in the Virginia capes, was begun in the Chancery Court here to-day. The defendants allege that the compulsory pilotage laws are unconstitutional and this plea is being urged by R. M. Hughes, the late Republican candidate for Congress in this district.

Captain Robert Barry, now in command of the Norfolk (Va.) navy yard, has been ordered to the command of the battleship Kentucky.

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POWERS WAITING UPON VENEZUELA.

Minister Bowen Will Take the Case in Hand and Arrange the Details

FOR THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL.

Blockade of La Guaira—Dutch Steamer From Amsterdam Allowed to Enter. Schooner and Sloop Captured by a British Cruiser.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Venezuelan negotiations now wait upon President Castro. Minister Bowen has been fully advised by the State Department of the result of its exchanges with the foreign offices at London, Berlin and Rome, and he has been charged to take the case in hand himself and arrange the details of the protocol which will precede the submission of the foreign claims to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal. In so doing Mr. Bowen is acting, not as the United States' but as Venezuela's representative.

The officials here wish it to be distinctly understood that their functions ceased, so far as the Venezuelan difficulty was concerned, when they brought the parties to the controversy together.

It now seems probable that Minister Bowen will come to Washington as Venezuela's representative on the commission which will draw up the protocol providing for the submission of the claims of the powers to The Hague tribunal. It has been decided that he may so represent Venezuela, notwithstanding the fact that he is at present charged with the interests of Great Britain, Germany, Italy and other European powers in Venezuela. As soon as he leaves Venezuela this charge will pass to Mr. Russell, the secretary and charge of the American legation, whose reputation at the State Department is that of a thoroughly competent and able official. The selection of Mr. Bowen will cause a postponement of the assembling of the proposed commission until he can arrive here from Caracas.

More Vessels Captured.

LAGUAIRA, VENEZUELA Dec. 29.—The Dutch steamer Prins Willem V., from Amsterdam, arrived here to-day. After undergoing the usual preliminaries she was allowed to enter and discharge cargo, etc. The German school ship Charlotte, has arrived here.

The British cruiser Tribune has captured another schooner and sloop.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Foreign Secretary von Richthofen is awaiting the receipt of President Castro's answer to the proposal to submit the Venezuela dispute to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal, with certain reservations, before corresponding with Great Britain over the personnel of the tribunal the date and forraising the blockade.

"Assuming that President Castro declines to accept the reservations, will arbitration fall through?" asked the correspondent of the Associated Press of a foreign office official to-day. The official replied: "A settlement will be reached by arbitration in any event."

Robert B. Armstrong, private secretary to the secretary of the treasury, will be appointed assistant secretary of the treasury on the reassembling of Congress, to succeed General Spaulding, whose resignation has been in the hands of Secretary Shaw for some time.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 30 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

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Notice—The tug-boat LaChiquita having been sold by J. L. Russ to Peter Simpson, all persons having claims against said boat will present them to me within thirty days from the date of this notice. This the 18th day of December, 1902. Robert G. Grady. dec 19 30t

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Volcano Victims.

In almost every great disaster that occurs in this country, carrying with it death and injury, there is always to be found a number of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company policyholders.

In the Johnstown flood of 1889, before the debris of the disaster had been cleared away, the Metropolitan had reopened its office, although its representative at that point was killed, and paid sixty-one Industrial Claims as soon as the proofs could be prepared.

In the great St. Louis tornado of 1896, sixty eight claims were paid, and when the U. S. S. Maine was blown up in Havana harbor, just previous to the declaration of the war with Spain, there were no less than forty-six Industrial policy-holders represented in the crew of the ill-fated vessel.

Most of these disasters are so intimately associated with the current life of our own country as to excite but little comment. A claim paid in the British war in the Soudan, several on the Canadian troops in the Boer war and scores in the desultory warfare carried on in the Philippines all attest to the fact that the Metropolitan Claim Payments are circling the world.

It was not anticipated, however, that when Mont Pelee, in Martinique, gave out one of the most violent volcanic eruptions of modern times, that any members of the large Metropolitan family would be found among the thousands of victims of the dire disaster that overwhelmed that unfortunate island in the Caribbean Sea. But it was found that at least four Metropolitan policy-holders were included among the volcano's victims, and strange as it may seem, all four of these unfortunates were upon the steamship "Roraima," that lay at anchor in the roadstead of St. Pierre when the burning mountain gave forth its death dealing blast and overwhelmed both the city and the shipping in the harbor alike.

Both of the victims were members of the ship's company. William Gay, who had held an Intermediate Policy for five hundred dollars for less than a year, was the ship's baker, and, when last seen, was ashore in St. Pierre, just previous to the eruption. The facts in the case being attested to by Mr. Thompson, the Assistant Purser, and Elery S. Scott, the Chief Mate of the 'Roraima," the amount of the policy on Mr. Gay's life was paid to his wife, Margaret Gay, of 308 Helen street, Brooklyn.

James Peria was one of the firemen on board the "Roraima" and was reported among the killed. His policy, an Intermediate one for five hundred dollars, was applied for less than nine months and under it, his wife, Catherine H. Peria, of 49 Hickory Street, Orange, N. J., was the claimant. Promptly upon the receipt of proceeds of the policy Mrs. Peria was supplied with passage by the Steamship Company to her home in the West Indies, her residence in this country having only been temporary.

One of the saddest incidents that has been brought to the attention of the public in connection with the disaster was the death of Mrs. Mary Stokes and her fatherless child, for Mr. Stokes had died shortly before his widow had started on her journey back to her native Barbados, accompanied by a colored servant, Clara, that she had brought north with her when came to this country. Of the little party of five only Clara, the servant, and Margaret Stokes, aged nine, survived. Mrs. Stokes was insured for a small amount under one of the Metropolitan Industrial policies, as well as her little son Eric, who died with her, aged four years. Olga, the other child who died with its mother, as well as Margaret who survived, were not insured. The two claims were promptly paid to the proper claimant representing the interest of Margaret. The Metropolitan furnishes insurance that can be absolutely relied upon, and in such amounts and at so low a cost, that none need to be without it. Further particulars and full information will be cheerfully furnished by Mr. Jos. Jacobs at his office in the Masonic Temple, or by request an agent will call at the residence, or place of business, of any one desiring further particulars.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EASTERN District of North Carolina—ss. In the United States District Court in and for said district. Fourth Division. In the matter of Annie T. Boatwright, member of the firm of the John L. Boatwright Company, Bankrupt. No. 89. In Bankruptcy. Petition for discharge. To the Honorable Thomas R. Purnell, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina: Annie T. Boatwright, of Wilmington, in the county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 29th day of September last past she was duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that she has duly surrendered all her property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the Court touching her bankruptcy. Wherefore she prays that she may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against her estate under said bankrupt acts except such debts as are exempted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 9th day of December, A. D. 1902.

ANNIE T. BOATWRIGHT, Bankrupt.

ORDEQ OF NOTICE THEREON.

Eastern District of North Carolina, County of New Hanover—ss. On this 29th day of December, 1902, on reading the foregoing petition it is Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 9th day of January, 1903, before Sam'l P. Collier, Esq., referee, of said court, at Wilmington, N. C., in said district at eleven o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in THE MORNING STAR, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered by the Court, That the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residences as stated. Witness the Honorable Thomas R. Purnell, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Wilmington, N. C., in said district, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1902.

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